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Indian Medical Stores when indents are made and if so, what action Government have taken for securing proper and adequate supplies of medicine? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" That does not arise out of this question."

SRI A. RAMASAMY THEVAR :—" Is the Hon. the Minister of Health aware of the fact that the Government have issued orders to stop the construction of the maternity ward in the Gandhi Memorial District Headquarters Hospital at Tiruchirappalli, and if so, when will it be constructed in view of the fact that more beds are required for in-patients? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The original plan for a maternity ward having 69 beds is being executed."

Thumarada-Jamparakota road, Palakonda taluk.

* 284 Q.—SRI V. P. PUNDARIKAKSHACHARYULU : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government are aware that the construction of Thummarada-Jamparakota road in Palakonda taluk was included in the Post-War Road Development Scheme and that it was investigated by the Public Works Department; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken for its execution?

THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—" (a) The work of forming the road from Thumarada to Jamparakota was investigated by a special Supervisor, but it is not included in the Five-Year Plan of Post-War Road Development.

" (b) Does not arise."

SRI G. LATCHANNA :—" May I know, Sir, how long this proposal was under investigation."

THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—" I am not aware of it, Sir; but there is another alternative suggestion, namely, the Jamparakota-Nagavaram road which seems to be an important road. I think it has been investigated and it is included in the programme."

Clearance of the silt in Vanamadevi and Thiruvendipuram dams, South Arcot district.

* 285 Q.—SRI S. RADHAKRISHNAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(a) whether the sand bed of the reservoir area is 2 feet higher than the anicut level in the Vanamadevi and Thiruvendipuram dams in South Arcot district; and

(b) whether this was brought to the notice of the Government by the local authorities?

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THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" (a) There has been some silting above the two anicuts.

" (b) Accumulation of silt in irrigation systems is common and it is not usual to report these to Government."

SRI S. RADHAKRISHNAN :—" Will the Hon. the Minister be pleased to state why so much delay has occurred in cleaning this dam every year?"

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" I suggest to the hon. Member to put a separate question. I do not know if there has been any delay."

SRI S. S. RAMASAMI PADAYACHI :—" Will the Government consider the desirability of clearing the sand at the Tiruvendipuram dam before the next cultivation season which is about a month hence."

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" Steps have already been taken and everything necessary will be done."

Opening of orphanages in famine-affected areas for destitute children.

* 286 *Q.*—SRI T. NAGI REDDI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state whether the Government propose to open orphanages in famine-affected areas for destitute children?

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" The Government do not run any orphanage for destitute children under their own management but recognize and admit to aid a number of such institutions run by private managements.

" If private managements open orphanages, the Education Department will consider the question of recognizing and admitting them to aid."

SRI T. NAGI REDDI :—" I hope, Sir, the Government understand the purpose of this question. I wish to bring to the notice of the Government that many children are being sold in the public markets in Cuddapah, Anantapur and Chittoor, and I am sure their attention would have been drawn to certain publications in the Press to this effect. Therefore, will the Government consider opening of orphanages immediately in those areas and see that children are not sold but brought up as citizens of the State in the orphanages?"

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" There is some confusion. The interpellation refers to orphanages. The question of opening destitute homes in famine areas comes under the Revenue Department and it is under separate consideration. The opening of such homes due to the contraction of private charity, and with a view to relieve distress caused on account of adverse seasonal conditions, comes under the purview of the Revenue Department, but I have answered the question with reference to the orphanages which are dealt with by the Education Department."